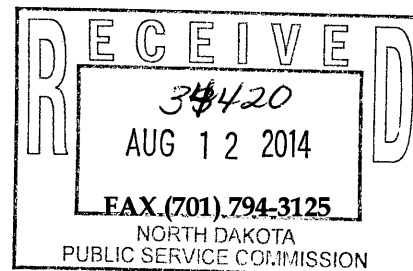


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August 11, 2014

Mr. James Deutsch, Director  
Reclamation Division, NDPSC  
Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

RE: Application for Bond Release #8 to Permit BNCR-8106

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed please find an application form and two CD's from BNI Coal, Ltd. requesting final bond release for a tract of land consisting of 58.23 acres located in Section 35 T142N R84W within Permit BNCR-8106.

All necessary materials are enclosed on the CD for your completeness review. Please let us know after you have completed your review of the public notice. Following your review, we will submit the notice to the Center Republican to begin publication. In addition, letters to people, agencies, and governmental bodies that require notification will be sent following your review of the draft letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Jay Volk at the Center Office.

Sincerely,

Karene M. Hall  
Permit Coordinator